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COUNTRY	East Germany			REPORT NO.
TOPIC	General Military Information			25X1A
EVALUATION	see below		PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
DATE OF CONTENT	5 to 16 August 1953			
DATE OBTAINED			DATE PREPARED	27 August 1953
REFERENCES				
PAGES	2	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)		
REMARKS				
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<p>1. On 5 August 1953, [] numerous Soviet soldiers in the area between Sielower Strasse and Sielower Landstrasse, from the Mommesen Halle almost as far as Friedens Strasse, Cottbus. The area was surrounded by a board fence. The detached buildings in the area quartered Soviet dependents.¹</p> <p>2. On 8 August, a train carrying 17 T-43 tanks, 7 trucks, 3 field kitchens and 1 radio truck; and including 4 boxcars occupied by troops and 5 boxcars loaded with billeting equipment passed through Cottbus, coming from the direction of Leipzig and proceeding toward Peitz.</p> <p>3. At about 4 p.m. on 14 August, JS-3 tanks [] and JSU-122 guns [] were unloaded at the Koenigsbrueck-east railroad station from a train, which had arrived from the direction of Bernsdorf. The column left toward Neues Lager.²</p> <p>4. At about 5:30 p.m. on 5 August, 20 flatcars carrying 5 T-43 tanks, [] and at least 5 trucks, [] were seen at the Grimma freight station. [] that they were later unloaded.³</p> <p>5. Beginning at 8 a.m. on 15 August, 22 T-34/85 tanks, [] about 5 trucks loaded with boxes and equipment [] and about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained in Wittenberg. Troops and materiel had come from the Beseler Kaserne and left toward Falkenberg.⁴ On 15 August, [] the engineer units had left Camp Apollendorf. Local residents stated that the troops were entrained toward Rossleu during the night on 7 August.⁵</p> <p>6. On 15 August, about 10 soldiers entrained T-43 tanks [] at the Wittenberg freight station. [] On 16 August, 10 T-43 tanks, [] 6 JS-3 tanks, [] and 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, were entrained at the Wittenberg freight station, the latter in 8 boxcars.⁴</p> <p>7. At about 5 p.m. on 14 August, a train, including 18 boxcars and 1 gondola car was loaded with troops, baggage, ammunition, 8 x 76-mm AA guns, 28 trucks, 1 ambulance, and 4 field kitchens at the Dessau railroad station. The unit had come from Kochedt. The motor vehicles [] were</p>				
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identified. At about 8:30 p.m. on 14 August, 15 boxcarloads of troops, 9 x 76-mm AA guns, 24 trucks, [redacted] 1 ambulance and 2 repair shop trucks were entrained in Dessau. The unit had come from Kochstedt. The two shipments left toward Magdeburg, proceeding via Rosslau.⁶

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25X1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] also reported Soviet troops in the area in the north portion of Cottbus mentioned by source. [redacted] presumably observed a restricted area of the MVD.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the train which arrived at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station from a northern direction, carried a unit of the 7th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div. It is undetermined where the train had come from. The unit on the train may have participated in an exercise.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The tanks observed possibly belonged to a unit of the 3rd Gds Mecz DIV which returned to Grimma from the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds.

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4. [redacted] Comment. The loadings in Wittenberg on 15 August have not been indicated in railroad records. [redacted] the train mentioned in paragraph 5 carried elements of the 51st Gds Tank Regt and that mentioned in paragraph 6, two tanks of the unidentified tank training battalion of the 6th Gds Tank Div. Tanks of the 51st and 52d Gds Tank Regts and the 78th Hv Tank SP Regt left for Jueterbog on 16 August.

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25X15. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] on 27 July, [redacted] the installation in Apollensdorf was occupied by about 50 troops. [redacted] No information is available on the present whereabouts of the 35th Engr Regt (US). A departure toward Dessau possibly for exercises with engineer units of the GOFG stationed there, appears credible; however, no confirmation has been received so far.

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6. [redacted] Comment. It is rather safely believed that elements of the 62d AAA Div (US) were entrained for Wustrow.

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